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(c) whether in the case of one P. L. M. Muthiah Chettiyar, No. 45, Tiruvottiyur High Road, Washermanpet, the Government issued directions interfering with the execution proceedings of the City Civil Court; and

(d) if so, under what authority?

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS:—" (a) & (b) Appeals against the orders of the Rent Controllers lie only to the appellate authorities appointed by Government under section (12) (1) (a) of the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act, 1946 and not to the Government. Only revision petitions in respect of orders passed by Rent Controllers and Collectors before 1st October 1946, i.e., before the Act came into force, lie to Government. No revision petition lies to Government in respect of orders passed by Rent Controllers or appellate authorities under the Act after 30th September 1946.

" (c) The Government have only granted extension of time to the tenant to vacate the premises. They were not aware that the owner had taken execution proceedings in the Civil Court against the tenant when they granted the extension of time."

" (d) Under sub-clause (2A) of clause 8 of the Madras House Rent Control Order, 1945."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" May I know whether the Madras House Rent Control Order, 1945, lapsed as soon as the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act, 1946, was passed?"

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS:—" There are two aspects of the question. One is that the actual operative portion of the House Rent Control Order lapsed on 30th September 1946. The other is that certain rights conferred under that order are renewed for the benefit of the people."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" May I invite the attention of the Hon. Minister to section 18 of the Madras Buildings Act which ousts the jurisdiction of the Government?"

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS:—" That is with reference to the position on and from 1st October 1946."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" Is it the contention of the Government that in respect of orders passed before 1st October 1946 they can still exercise revisionary powers?"

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS:—" Legal pandits including the highest authority, the Advocate-General, have advised that there are certain powers and rights conferred which would have to be renewed even subsequent to 1st October 1946."

Abolition of petrol rationing.

* 165 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state the reason for the continuation of petrol rationing and when the public may expect the abolition or relaxation of this control?

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THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" The Government of India is the controlling authority for petrol rationing. The main reasons for the continuance of petrol rationing are, apart from general shortage, inadequate transport capacity and bulk storage facilities. The Government of India have recently stated that it will not be possible either to abolish or relax petrol rationing in the near future."

Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners.

* 166 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in pursuance of G.O. Ms. No. 4653, Development, dated 19th December 1946, Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners have been appointed for each district;

(*b*) what the qualifications and emoluments prescribed for these posts are;

(*c*) who the appointing authority is;

(*d*) whether the posts were advertised and applications invited for the same.

(*e*) whether the appointments have been made and who the persons are together with their qualifications and the districts to which they belong; and

(*f*) what the functions of these Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners are?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) No qualifications are prescribed for the posts of the Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners. The scale of pay sanctioned for the post is Rs. 250—50/2—700 per mensem.

" (*c*) The Government.

" (*d*) No.

" (*e*) Yes. Nineteen Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners were recently appointed. The persons appointed, their qualifications and the districts to which they belong are furnished in the statement * placed on the table of the House.

" (*f*) Consequent on the reorganization of the Textile Control Department ordered in G.O. Ms. No. 4653, Development, dated 19th December 1946, the Collectors are made fully responsible for all items of work relating to textiles in the districts concerned. The Collectors are responsible for the following items of work :—

(1) All licensing;

(2) enforcement of all textile control measures; and

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